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Terre Haute, Indiana

I have very little to go on in tracing my husbands paternal ancestors. I need names, birthplace, where married, died and buried. My husbands father:

William Riley Buck

Born.....Sept. 14, 1872

Where.....Wayne County, Ky.

Married.....Dec. 8, 1921.....to..Virla Christian

Where.....Pulaski, Co., Ky..... Born..July 3, 1897

Died.....April 22, 1935

Where..Wayne Co., Ky.

Where.....Vigo Co., Ind.

Still living

Buried.....Prairieton Cemetery,
Vigo, Co.

William Riley Buck had 2 brothers, John (much older), and Daniel, died age 18 yrs. of measles, both buried in Ky. (place unknown); and one sister, Winnie died in Indiana, (place of death or burial unknown). Wm. Riley Buck was the youngest child. We have reason to believe his mother may be buried near Terre Haute or Prairieton. My husband, the only son of W. R. Buck vaguely remembers his father showing him his grandmother's grave when he was about 3 or 4 yrs. old, about 1928. It was near or in vicinity of Terre Haute as the family lived there until his father died. My husband has one sister, Hazel Muree Buck, born Oct. 19, 1922 in Wayne County, Ky. My husband Henry Edison Buck was born Aug. 4, 1924 at Terre Haute, Ind.Wm. Buck was approx. 8 yrs. when his mother died. He then went to live with the Hohn family, near Prairieton, stayed a number of yrs. William Riley Buck was a member of Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. from 1926 to 1935, from 1894 to 1921 he belonged to No. 178 at Prairieton, the intervening years he belonged at Mill Springs, Ky. Weaverton Lodge No. 871 F. & A. M. He was a Spanish American War Vet. Pri. Wm. Buck..91st Co., Coast Artillery, enlisted March 31, 1891 to serve 3 yrs., discharged Jackson Barracks, La., March 30, 1902.

The father of Wm. R. Buck died just before he was born, perhaps on the way back to Wayne Co., as this was where he was born. We are not sure whether Wm. R. Buck's father was buried in Ind. or Ky. We feel sure The mother of Wm. R. Buck is buried near Terre Haute. She would be my husband's paternal Grandmother. We have no clue as to her maiden name, or any dates re: the mother or father of Wm. Riley Buck.

If you have no records to help me, I would appreciate any advice you could give me in regard to this problem. I enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry E. Buck
Mrs. Henry E. Buck

THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY-1790-1850*

The land Ordinance of 1785 and the Ordinance of 1787 established a system for the survey and sale of land in the West. It paved the way for the development of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. After the American Revolution the Congress needed money. All this opened the flood gates for settlement of the West.

Pioneers moved along the river valleys-then gradually upland. Settlers traversed the country of timbered land in an east-to-west pattern. They first came over foot trails, walking the buffalo and Indian trails westward. People clustered together in groups with common cultural characteristics. During the 17th and 18th centuries the French had already settled in villages and their leisurely life went on in spite of wars until the Americans from the east appeared. Kentucky hunters, Virginia pioneers, middle state farmers and Yankee villagers were all on the move westward. Each group tried to recreate the society they had known previously.

New Englanders were of a cohesive group. They were legal settlers. There were Virginians, Pennsylvania quakers, and Carolina Germans. Church, school and government were their first priorities. At Marietta, Ohio new arrivals had to register within twenty-four hours of arrival. Extended New England villages sprang up. They moved together with schools and churches intact to the rich lands of the Northwest.

A Yankee settlement of Vermonters formed mutual assistance societies to help struggling families with the first hard years. Southerners came across the Ohio from Kentucky and Virginia. These were poor but honest folk-uneducated-had large families and thought less about formal schooling and book learning than the New Englanders. But they had a high sense of personal honor. All these people poured into the lower parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in the first generation of

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THE OLD NORTHWEST continued:
of settlements of the region.

These groups varied in character. Southerners could enjoy rest without feeling sinful. New Englanders zeal for improvements and reform made them more progressive. Slavery was permitted only in certain circumstances. These parts were known as free states. Religion played a big part in their lives and freedom to worship as one pleased was the rule. The Virginians engaged in rural farming and raised livestock. Each estate had two to thirteen horses. The Pennsylvanians averaged only one or two horses for wagon and riding. Cattle were important to them. They also kept sheep and swine.

The early roads were wide trails. 1803 was the first reference to a wagon road. The second generation of pioneers in general came by flatboat and wagon and received help from those who had already come a generation previous. The Old Northwest became a very different place by 1850. There was an inequality of land holdings. The most disadvantaged group owned less and less land. As a result varied societies were formed. These were impossible to erase. The common denominator was the land. It was a rural world. The pioneers had brought about the flowering of the Old Northwest. This all made for stories unlike any that have ever been told before.

My mother told me her ancestors were a mixture of many cultures. I wondered how that could be. The above research shows how all that went. Two facts exist. They intermarried in the group and it was not uncommon for cousins to marry.

Lacking the facts surrounding the movement of our ancestors I have made a brief sketch of what might have happened with certain dates and places that have been handed down as the true facts.

The Old Northwest continued:

John Christian Buck born ca 1770-80 in South Carolina of German parentage appeared in the tax list of 1800 in Wythe Co., VA. While there he married 11 August 1796 Christina Steffey born ca 1780 in VA. They had twelve children. Christina's background was of the PA persuasion. Her family went into VA during or after the American Revolution. Was it the dream of owning their own land that led them on??

One of those twelve children was my great-great grandfather. He was probably born in Wythe Co., VA. He married Rachel Staley dau of Jacob and Catherine Staley of Wythe Co., VA. This marriage took place 23 December 1824. Several Children were born to them in Wythe Co. Then they moved farther west and several more children were born. They arrived in the 1830's in Indiana and lived on forty acres in Monroe Co., IN. All told they had nine children. My great-grandfather Isaac was born 1829 in West Virginia. He married Martha Trisler 25 of Dec. 1851 in Monroe Co., IN born 1831 in Kentucky dau of John and Sally Waggamon Trisler. They had six children. They lived in Monroe Co., IN until they were fifty years old and then homesteaded 160 acres in Wright Co., Missouri in 1880-88. One of their sons was my grandfather, William Jefferson Buck who married Cedona Gray in 1882 and had five children. My mother was the second one of that family. William Jefferson married Ella Little after his first wife died and they had five children. A divorce ended that marriage and 1921 he married a third wife and had one daughter.

We have the mix of cultures. Mostly they had large families and were rarely satisfied to stay very long in one place. Descendants are scattered all over the country.

Attached to this is the genealogy of my mother's family and the pedigree chart of the Buck Family.

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CEDONA KENDALL
261-50. BARAT-FERGUSON, MO. No. 63135 Surname BUCK

Husband's Full Name: ISAAC BUCK FARMER

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	7	APRIL	1829/30			WVA
Christen.						
Marriage	25	DEC.	1851		MONROE Co.	TN
Death						
Burial						
Father's Full Name	Joseph BUCK			Mother's Maiden Name	Racheal	
Other wives:						
Remarks:	Military					

Wife's Full Maiden Name: MARTHA Trisler

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	16	NOV.	1830		Jessamine Co.	Ky
Christen.						
Death	12	OCT.	1905			
Burial						
Father's Full Name	John Trisler			Mother's Maiden Name	SARAH WAGGAMAN	
Other husbands:	none					
Remarks:						

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)
CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
m	1 James Milton	Birth	1854	INDIANA
		Death	1933	KANSAS
		Marriage		To:
m	2 William Jefferson	Birth	1856	MONROE Co., INDIANA
		Death	1933	KANSAS
		Marriage	35 Dec. 1882	To: Cedona/Sedona Hwy
m	3 Isaac Newton	Birth	1858	INDIANA
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
F	4 Mary Jane	Birth	1863	INDIANA
		Death		
		Marriage		To: W. A. Glenn
m	5 Wilford	Birth	13 Oct 1866	INDIANA
		Death	30 Mar 1899	WRIGHT Co., MO
		Marriage		To: never married
	6	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
m	7 Joseph M. Buck	Birth	11 Oct 1852	
		Death	17 Aug. 1853	bur. Mt. Salem Cemetery
		Marriage		To: Monroe Co., IN
	8 This may have been their first born	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
	9 1900 Census says they had 6 children	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
	10	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:

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Buck
Surname

Husband's Full Name: Joseph Buck						
VITAL DATA		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY
Birth		1801			VA	
Christen.						
Marriage		23 Dec. 1824				
Death		Cause:				
Burial		Cemetery:				
Father's Full Name: John Christian Buck				Mother's Maiden Name: Christina Steffey		
Other wives:				Military		
Remarks:						
Wife's Full Maiden Name: Rachel Staley						
VITAL DATA		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY
Birth		1800 1808			Wither VA	
Christen.		5 Oct. 1866				
Death		1866-1878				
Burial		Cause: Mt Salem - Monroe Co., IN				
Father's Full Name: Jacob Staley				Mother's Maiden Name: Catherine		
Other husbands:						
Remarks:						
(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH) CHILDREN						
SEX	FULL NAME		VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE	
F	1	Catherine Buck	Birth	1826		
			Death			
			Marriage		To: Oliver	
F	2	Elizabeth Buck	Birth	1828		
			Death	25 Dec 1875		
			Marriage	17 JAN 1847	To: Harvey Helms	
M	3	TSAAC BUCK	Birth	7 April 1829	WVA	
			Death	7 1908	WRIGHT Co. MO.	
			Marriage	1851	To: MARTHA TRISLER	
F	4	MARGARET (Peggy) Buck	Birth	1 Mar 1834	WVA	
			Death			
			Marriage	1853	To: William Helms	
F	5	SARAH BUCK	Birth	1834	WVA	
			Death	4 Nov. 1869		
			Marriage		To: William B. Shipman	
M	6	John Buck	Birth	1837	WVA	
			Death			
			Marriage	25 Sept. 1859	To: Mary A. Trisler	
F	7	MARY A. BUCK (Polly)	Birth	1840	IN	
			Death			
			Marriage	18 APR 1867	To: James Shipman	
F	8	NANCY BUCK	Birth	1842	IN	
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
F	9	Rachel Buck	Birth	1850	IN	
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
	10		Birth			
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	

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FAMILY GROUP

No. _____

Back
Surname

Husband's Full Name: -Joseph Buck							
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	
Birth		1801	1803	?		VA	
Christen.							
Marriage	23	Dec.	1824	?			
Death				Cause:			
Burial				Cemetery:			
Father's Full Name: John Christian Buck				Mother's Maiden Name: Christina Steffey			
Other wives: _____ Remarks: _____ Military							
Wife's Full Maiden Name: Rachael Staley							
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	
Birth		1801	1803	?	With e Co.	VA	
Christen.							
Death		1860	1870	Cause:			
Burial				Cemetery:			
Father's Full Name: Jacob Staley				Mother's Maiden Name: Catherine			
Other husbands: _____ Remarks: _____							
(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH) CHILDREN							
SEX	FULL NAME			VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE	
F	1	Catherine Oliver			Birth	1826	VA
					Death		
					Marriage	To: OLIVER	
F	2	Elizabeth b. 1828			Birth	1829	VA
					Death	1907	Wright Co., MO
M		Isaac Buck			Marriage	1851	To: MARTHA TRISLER
					Birth	1833	VA
					Death		
F	3	Margaret (Peggy)			Marriage	1853	To: William Helms
					Birth	1834	VA
					Death		
F	4	Sarah			Marriage		To: William Shipman
					Birth	1839	VA
					Death		
M	5	John			Marriage	1858	To: Mary A. Trisler
					Birth	1840	VA IN
					Death		
F	6	Mary A. "Polly"			Marriage	18 April 1867	To:
					Birth	1842	VA IN
					Death		
F	7	Nancy			Marriage		To:
					Birth	1850	
					Death		
F	8	Rachel			Marriage		To:
					Birth		
					Death		
	9				Marriage		To:
					Birth		
					Death		
	10				Marriage		To:
					Birth		
					Death		

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THE BUCK FAMILY

Compiler

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(Mrs. Charles W. Kendall)

November 11, 1987

My grandfather, William Jefferson Buck married Cedona Belle Gray in 1882. He lived in Monroe Co., IN in 1880. I do not know how they met or where they were married. They were in Sullivan Co., IN during the time their five children were born. Cedona's mother and father lived in Merom, Sullivan Co, IN. That may have been the reason they were there.

Jeff Buck was a carpenter and also a photographer. His two brothers were in the business. The family did very well until Cedona died when her last child was born. Jeff then took them to his mother and father's home in Wright Co., Missouri. He married a second time a young girl and settled in Missouri. This couple had five children. My mother lived with them until she was fifteen or sixteen and then came back to Indiana where there were relatives. The son Charles joined the army as soon as he could. The fourth child died probably in Missouri at an early age. That left the three girls. They did domestic work as soon as they were old enough more for a home than for the money involved. The three girls remained close the rest of their lives. I always felt they did so well and had none of the advantages they might have had had their mother lived.

By 1910 my mother had married Roy Berkley Swartz of Vigo Co., IN. They lived at first on the farm with two generations-my grandmother and my great grandmother. By 1912 they sold the farm and moved into the city of Terre Haute where they had three girls.

Ethel and Cedona went to Oklahoma. Ethel married Alex Lecomte and moved to Shreveport, LA. They had three children-the first child died in infancy-a boy. The two girls are still living. Cedona went west to be with her brother who was in the Army. She in turn married

Wellington White in Wenatchee, WA and they had three children-a girl and two boys. Cedona lived to be 93 years of age and lived alone in an apartment and took care of herself up until the last three months of her life. My mother died at age of 60. Ethel died at age of 84 years.

The oldest child, Charles was killed in an accident in Seattle, WA while he was a recruiting officer in the Army. He was married but had no children.

Jeff Buck married a third time after a divorce from the second wife. She was a girl of twenty years. They were married in Shreveport, LA and moved to Arkansas. One girl was born to them. Jeff died there in 1933. He did not look after his children and as they say he was a "ner do well" all of his life. My mother thought a lot of him and held no resentment but her two sisters did.

This material has been researched from family records, marriage records, Federal Census, Court records, and family interviews. Yet is very incomplete.

I would like very much to communicate with anyone who might be interested in this family.

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Print or type
b - birthdate
w. - where
m. - married
d. - died
c. - cemetery
add. - address
om. - other m

Name

Fairy Buck
Sullivan Merom, IN
w. 29 July 1885
m. 18 Aug. 1907
w. Vigo Co., IN
add. 3 March 1947
w. St. Louis, MO
bur. Vigo Co., IN
Roy Berkley Swartz

spouse
Vigo Co. Terre Haute, IN
w. 4 Sept. 1885

*Terre Haute, IN
d. 27 Dec. 1969
w. St. Louis
bur. Vigo Co., IN*

parents of spouse

*Leander Lee Swartz
Henrietta Greenleaf*

Father

William Jefferson Buck

b. 27 Sept. 1856
w. Monroe Co., IN
m. 1st. 25 Dec. 1882
w. ?
d. 5 Feb. 1933
c. Wetherspoon Cem.
add. Vandervoort, Ark.
o m. 2nd. Ella Little
3rd. Beatrice Evans
b. 7/12/25/1902
d. 27 July 1968
w. Wellington, KS
bur. Sierra View
Maryville, Calif.
mar. 21 March 1921
2nd marriage?

Mother

1st mar.
Cedona Belle Gray

b. 5 Nov. 1866

w. IL?

d. 29 Jan. 1894

w. Merom Sullivan, IN

o m. Merom, IN

bur. Merom Cem.

Grandfather

Isaac Buck

b. WVA 18 April 1827

w. WVA

m. 25 Dec. 1851

w. Monroe Co., IN

d. 1907?

c. New Hope Baptist Cem.

add. Hartville, MO

o m. Wright Co., MO

None

Grandmother

Marth Trisler

b. 16 Nov. 1831

w. Jessamone Co., KY

d. 1905

c. New Hope Baptist Cem.

Wright Co., MO

None

Grandfather

William Henry Gray

b. 17 Feb. 1844

w. Zanesville, Ohio

m. 8 Feb. 1866

w. ?

d. 9 Dec. 1891 Sullivan, IN

c. Merom IN Cem.

add. Merom, IN Sullivan Co.

o m. ?

Grandmother

Julia Ellen Rusk

b. 30 Nov. 1847

w. Montgomery Co., IN

d. 12 October 1934 Terre Haute, IN

c. Merom, IN

o m. William Martz

2nd--

Great Grand Parents

Joseph Buck

b. 1803

w. VA

d. Monroe Co., IN ?

w. Monroe Co., IN

m. Rachel

b. 1803

w. Va

w. ?

d. ?

w. ?

John Trisler

b. 1805?

w. ?

d. ?

w. ?

m. Sarah Waggamon

b. 1803

w. ?

d. Monroe Co., IN ?

w. ?

Peter Gray?

b.

w.

d.

w.

m.

b.

w.

d.

w.

m.

Samuel Rusk

b.

w. Indiana

d. ?

w.

m.

Mary Ann Henderson

b. 28 June 1825

w. Indiana

d. 1 April 1901

w. Glendale Cem.

Clark Co., IL

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FAMILY GROUP

No. _____

BUCK

B Surname

Husband's Full Name: WILLIAM JEFFERSON BUCK						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	27	Sept.	1856		Monroe Co.,	Indiana
Christen.						
Marriage	25 Dec. 1882 (1st)					
Death	5 Feb. 1933 Cause: Arteriosclerosis of long standing					
Burial	Vandervoort, Ark. Cemetery: Wetherspoon Cemetery-Vandervoort, Ark.					
Father's Full Name Isaac Buck				Mother's Maiden Name Martha Trisler b. 16 Nov. 1831 Jessamine Co., Ky		
Other wives: 2nd mar. Ella Little				Military None		
Remarks: 3rd mar. Beatrice Evans						
Wife's Full Maiden Name: Cedona/Sedona Belle Gray						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	5	Nov.	1866			In/IL ?
Christen.						
Death	29 Jan. 1894 Cause: Complications during childbirth					
Burial	Merom, IN Cemetery: Merom Cem. Merom, Sullivan Co., IN					
Father's Full Name William Henry Gray				Mother's Maiden Name Julia Ellen Rusk		
Other husbands: 2nd Mar. William Martz						
Remarks: None				Charles M. Buck		
(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH) CHILDREN Pension File XC 657-839						
SEX	FULL NAME			VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	1	Charles M. Buck	Birth	4 Feb. 1884	Merom, Sullivan Co., IN	
			Death	1921 ?	Seattle, WA Fort Lawton,	
			Marriage	?	To: Merle Loving Buck WA	
F	2	Fairy Ferrie	Birth	29 Jul 1885	Merom, IN	
			Death	3 Mar. 1947	St. Louis, Mo. bur. Vigo Co.	
			Marriage	18 Aug 1907	To: Roy Berkley Swartz IN	
F	3	Martha Ethel	Birth	11 Mar. 1890	Sullivan, IN	
			Death	18 June 1974	Shreveport, LA	
			Marriage	12 June 1911	To: A.H. (Alex) Lecomte	
F	4	Glenn	Birth	6 Oct. 1891	Sullivan, IN	
			Death	1895/96 ?	?	
			Marriage		To:	
F	5	Cedona Sedona	Birth	20 Jan. 1894	Sullivan Co., IN	
			Death	30 April 1987-	Seattle, WA	
			Marriage	19 Aug. 1919	To: Wenatchee, WA	
	6		Birth		Wellington White	
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
	7		Birth			
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
	8		Birth			
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
	9		Birth			
			Death			
			Marriage		To:	
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			Death			
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